

Attorney's Docket No. PA0508DGA03**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Jesse B. Griggs
Appl No.: 10/676,274
Filed: September 30, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1765
Examiner: F. Hiteshew
For: **ACTIVE DAMPENING ORBIT STOPPER FOR
CZOCHELSKI CRYSTAL GROWTH**

January 14, 2005

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Hiteshew for the thorough examination of the present application. In response to the Official Action dated December 6, 2004, please enter the following amendments:

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REMARKS

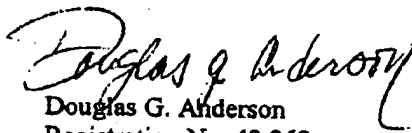
Applicant appreciates the thorough examination of the present application. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korb, et al. These claims have been cancelled.

Claims 6, 7, 10, and 11 have each been rewritten in independent form and now include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In view of the amended claims and the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned agent to address any remaining issues in order to expedite examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500682.

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